

SCS SB 921 -- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

SPONSOR: Riddle

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Select Committee on State and Local Government by a vote of 10 to 0.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol must report all domestic violence incidents for compilation in the annual crime report published by the Department of Public Safety. This bill removes the time requirements in current law for the required reporting by law enforcement agencies of domestic violence-related homicides and suicides to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 1 instead of February 1.

This bill also requires the governing board of each public institution of higher education in Missouri to engage in discussions with law enforcement agencies and enter into a memorandum of understanding concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students on and off campus. The memorandum of understanding must contain detailed policies and protocols regarding sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking involving students that comports with the best and current professional practices and set out the procedural requirements for the reporting of an offense, protocol for establishing jurisdiction, and criteria for determining when an offense must be reported to law enforcement.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this simply changes the procedures for reporting domestic violence incidents.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Riddle; Missouri Coalition Against Domestic And Sexual Violence; and the Missouri Department Of Public Safety.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.